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5. (Amended) A system according to claim claim 2, wherein the selector is configured to select a preferred data service according to a pre-determined selection strategy; and
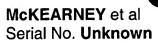
wherein the selector is configured to select the data service having the lowest data access tariff value.

6. (Amended) A system according to claim 2 further comprising an event data recorder for recording event data relating to data service access events.

8. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 further comprising a connection manager for connecting users issuing data access requests to respective selected data services.

11. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 further comprising an interface to the register for user access to data in the register.

13. (Amended) A distributed database comprising a data management system according to claim 1.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 wherein the data service is selected according to a pre-determined selection strategy.

18. (Amended) A method according to claim claim 15 wherein the data service is selected according to a pre-determined selection strategy; and

wherein the strategy comprises the step of selecting the data service having the lowest data access tariff value.

19. (Amended) A method according to claim 15 further comprising the step of recording event data relating to data service access events.

21. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 further comprising the step of connecting a user issuing a data access request to a respective selected data service.

22. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 further comprising the step of monitoring the usage of the respective data services.

23. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 further comprising the step of limiting the number of users connected to each respective data service.

24. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 further comprising the step of providing user access to the stored first second and third data.

26. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 wherein the resource data comprises data from the group comprising:- data service response time, data accuracy, data correctness and time since last data update.

27. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 wherein the method is implemented in an object orientated software environment.